

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment and remarks which follow are responsive to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. According to the Office Action, Claims 18, 19, 26, 28-31, 35-40, and 53-64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Terry et al. (i.e., United States Patent Number 6,342,097) in view of Valeri et al. (i.e., United States Patent Application Publication Number 2003/0118737). Claims 18, 19, 26, 28-31, 35-40, 53-56, and 58-63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeshita et al. (i.e., United States Patent Number 6,057,039) in view of Valeri et al. Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-17, and 41-52 were deemed allowable. No other issues were presented.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the claims to secure the allowed subject matter set forth in Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-17, and 41-52. In this regard, all of the remaining claims (i.e., 4-5, 9, 18-40, and 53-64) have been cancelled.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the currently remaining claims are now in condition for immediate allowance. Early notice to that effect is respectfully requested. To the extent the Examiner has any questions, requires additional information, or has any suggestions to resolve any outstanding issues that may exist, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's counsel at the number listed below.

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